

Rule of Thirds Action

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This action will display a Rule of Thirds guide over your selected image. The grid that is visible is actually a layer that is superimposed and has the Transpose command applied. So all you have to do is move or rotate the grid to where ever you think it is best. By grabbing the corner handles with the SHIFT key held, you will keep the selected images aspect ratio. Pressing ENTER will commit that size and CROP the image to that size and flatten all layers.

Uses: Obviously as a RoTs guide and crop but if your image is an odd format for example 4 x 4 and you require a crop to a 6" by 4" print (sending a 4x4 ratio image to a lot of commercial photo processors will usually result in part of you image being cropped, usually the bit you want), In this case, move the grid to top left of image (0x0) and extend the right edge to 3" and the bottom edge to 2" using the ruler guide CTRL-R. Then holding the shift key extend the bottom right corner in or out and it will maintain the 3 x 2 aspect ratio and move the grid over the image.

Requirements: The action as downloaded, has the GRID.JPG file in the root directory of the C: drive. If you want to keep that file in another secure location then move it there and then in Photoshop double click the open command in the RoTs action it will start recording (red light on) and the OPEN dialog will pop up showing the root directory of C:, Just browse to the new location and open. The action will stop there but will now be pointing at your new location for GRID.jpg. If this sounds too complicated just leave it in C: